

Jan 3. 1818.

Beach Hotel  
Littlehampton

Dear Miss Wooley

Thank you most cordially for your  
two letters, & the MSS. I'm reading them  
with real refreshment & pleasure. You have  
a charming gift; and there's such freshness  
& open air in them. I'm keeping  
them a little longer for my wife to

read if you don't mind.

I will have seen that the Knight hood was  
all a phlegm. I refused, & the announcement

was corrected in yesterday's paper.

It's been a great worry. I only had

word of it at 9.30 pm on New Years Eve

and my telegram of refusal was too late.